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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

1. (U) BOB: IT'S 9:30 AT NIGHT AND I'VE JUST GOTTEN THROUGH MY IN-BOX. I SEE SEVERAL ITEMS YOU NEED QUICK INFO ON. I WOULD CALL YOU IN THE A.M. BUT I HAD NO LUCK GETTING THRU ON THE NEW PHONE NUMBERS TODAY, SO I'LL HAVE TO COMMUNICATE BY O-I. EVERYONE ELSE IS LONG GONE SO I'M SENDING YOU THIS INTERIM RESPONSE UNCLEARED BY ANYONE.

2. (C) BIZIMUNGU CALL: ANNE JOYCE TOLD US THAT WIRTH DID SPEAK TO BIZIMUNGU, BUT NOT KAGAME. HE HAD THE FOLLOWING FOUR MAJOR CONCERNS ABOUT THE TRIBUNAL:

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-- STARTING AND CLOSING DATES. HE WANTED IT TO START BEFORE JAN. 94 AND WANTED A FIRM END DATE (HE SUGGESTED MARCH 95, APPARENTLY). WE SUGGESTED "KICKING THE CAN" -- LETTING THE SECURITY COUNCIL RE-EVALUATE AND MOVE THE DATE FORWARD AS NECESSARY.

-- DEATH PENALTY. THIS WAS A BIG ONE. BIZI WANTS RWANDA LAW (PUNISHMENT) TO GOVERN.

-- POSSIBLE PARDONS BY INCARCERATING COUNTRY. THIS

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ISSUE IS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH IN THE USUN CABLE (OR WAS IT YOUR CABLE?)

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-- THE COVERAGE OF "WAR CRIMES". WE ASSURED HIM THE FOCUS WOULD BE ON GENOCIDE.

THAT'S ALL THE READOUT I HAVE.

3. (LOU) RWANDA FORNMIN: CONCERNING THE BBC REPORT, ALL WE KNOW IS WHAT WAS REPORTED IN PARIS 28991, CONCERNING THE COMMUNIQUE FAXED TO THE PRESS AND PURPORTEDLY SIGNED BY THE FORNMIN. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER WHAT THE COMMUNIQUE SAYS IS TRUE, NOR DO WE KNOW THAT IT WAS ACTUALLY PRODUCED BY THE FORNMIN.

4. (C) UNLOCKING RWANDAN FUNDS: I WILL TRY TO GET YOU A CLEARED FRONT CHANNEL ON THIS, BUT YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE RWANDAN EMBASSY HERE SENT US A NOTE AWHILE BACK ASKING FOR CONFIRMATION THAT THE GOR'S ASSETS WERE NO LONGER FROZEN. WE REPLIED SAYING ESSENTIALLY THAT, TECHNICALLY, THEY NEVER WERE FROZEN. IT WAS SIMPLY THAT

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WE DID NOT RECOGNIZE THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT AS THE "GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA" SO ANY REPS OF THE IGOR DID NOT HAVE LEGAL ACCESS TO GOR ACCOUNTS. THE ACCOUNTS WERE, AND STILL ARE, OPEN TO AUTHORIZED REPS OF WHAT WE CONSIDER TO BE THE LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA. YOU MAY WANT TO WAIT FOR A CLEARED FRONT CHANNEL RESPONSE (DRAFTED BY L I HOPE) BEFORE YOU COMMUNICATE THIS TO THE GOR, BUT I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW THE STATE OF PLAY AND THAT THE EMBASSY HERE IN WASHINGTON HAS ALREADY ASKED AND HAD THE QUESTION ANSWERED.

5. (U) HEADS UP: HUNGER COMMITTEE'S JERRY DYER IS GOING TO RWANDA TO WORK WITH THE HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS NEXT WEEK. HE SAYS HE IS NOT PLANNING TO CONTACT THE EMBASSY, BUT WE THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW HE'S COMING. LOIS ENCOURAGED H TO HAVE HIM REGISTER WITH THE EMBASSY IN ANY EVENT.

6. (LOU) MINES: I'M TOLD THE EOD TRAINING MESSAGE MAY NOT HAVE HELPED YOUR CAUSE. IT SEEMS WE HAVE MONEY FOR DEMINING BUT NOT FOR ORDINANCE DISPOSAL; IF YOU SAY YOU DON'T REALLY HAVE A MINE PROBLEM, YOU REALLY HAVE AN ORDINANCE DISPOSAL PROBLEM, THERE'S APPARENTLY A RISK

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THAT YOU WON'T MAKE THE CUT FOR THE DEMINING PROGRAM,  
WHICH IS THE ONLY THING YOU'RE IN LINE FOR, AS I  
UNDERSTAND IT. GIVEN THIS, YOU MAY WISH TO FOCUS YOUR  
MESSAGES ON THE SERIOUS MINE PROBLEM THAT WE ALL KNOW YOU  
GUYS HAVE OUT THERE ....

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